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1. The first step is to identify the problem. This involves understanding the symptoms and the context in which they are occurring.

The first of these is the *Journal of the American Medical Association* (JAMA), which has been the most influential of the medical journals in the United States. It was founded in 1883 and has since then published a wide range of medical research, including clinical trials, laboratory studies, and reviews of the literature. The JAMA has been a leading voice in the medical community, and its publications have been widely cited in the medical literature.

1. The first step in the process is to identify the problem. This involves gathering information about the situation and understanding the needs of the stakeholders involved.

1. 1990年12月，在江蘇省江浦縣，
 2. 發現了距今約2000年的漢代青銅
 3. 劍，劍身刻有「越王勾踐劍」五字。
 4. 這把劍的發現，不僅是中國歷史上
 5. 最完整的青銅劍，也是目前為止發
 6. 現的最完整的青銅劍。

the 1990s, the number of people in the world who are illiterate has increased from 1.2 billion to 1.5 billion. The number of illiterate people in the world is expected to reach 1.7 billion by the year 2015. The number of illiterate people in the world is expected to reach 1.7 billion by the year 2015. The number of illiterate people in the world is expected to reach 1.7 billion by the year 2015.

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Amendment and Reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111;
2. Copy of Statement Concerning the Deposited Plasmid DNA from Application No. 09/826,205;
3. Computer-readable and paper copies of Amended Sequence Listing;
4. Amendment and Submission of Substitute Sequence Listing Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.825(a); and
5. Return postcard.

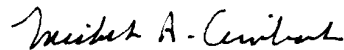
It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

Commissioner for Patents
January 22, 2003
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Respectfully submitted,

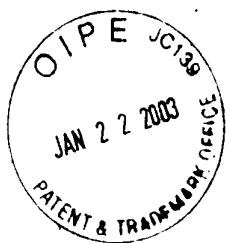
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In re application of:

SCHMIDT, *et al.*

Appl. No. 09/826,205

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For: **An Endogenous
Ketogulonigenium Plasmid**

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Examiner: Davis, K. F.

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Statement Concerning the Deposited Plasmid DNA

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A *Ketogulonigenium* strain harboring an endogenous plasmid DNA was deposited under the terms of the Budapest Treaty on June 18, 1998, at the Agricultural Research Service Culture Collection (1815 North University Street, Peoria, Illinois 61604 USA) and given the NRRL Deposit No. B-30035.

Assurance is hereby given that: (1) the deposit was made under terms of the Budapest Treaty; (2) except for the limitations allowed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.808(b), all restrictions on the availability to the public of the deposit will be irrevocably removed upon the granting of a patent; (3) the deposit has been made under conditions such that access to the material will be available during the pendency of the patent application to one determined by the Commissioner; and (4) the deposit will be maintained with all of the care necessary to keep them viable and uncontaminated for a period of at least five years after the most recent request for the furnishing

of a sample of the deposit, and in any case, for a period of at least thirty years after the date of deposit or for the enforceable life of the patent, whichever period is longer.

The undersigned hereby declares that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the instant patent application or any patent issuing thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

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